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Ryu YOKOYAMA, et al. Confirmation No. 8526

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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING AND RELAYING SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2004 be officially considered of record. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the stamped postcard filing receipt and another copy of the PTO-A820 form are attached hereto. The Notice of Allowance has been received, but the Examiner did not provide a copy of the initialed PTO-A820 indicating that those references were considered.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner officially acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on August 18, 2004, and make of record the references attached thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REMARKS**

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended in the telephone conference conducted on September 7, 2004.

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTOL-413) was provided by the Examiner together with the Notice of Allowance mailed on September 16, 2004.

Applicants submit this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the following was discussed:

**A. Identification of claims discussed:**

Claims 1, 5, 9-11, and 15-20, all of the pending claims.

**B. Identification of prior art discussed:**

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,301,404 and 5,974,216.

**C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:**

None.

**D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:**

It was argued that the similar prior art rejection in the allowed parent Application No. 10/098,308 was overcome.

**E. Results of the Interview:**

The Examiner agreed to withdraw the prior art rejection.

**F. Conclusion:**

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner agreed to pass the above application to issue, and has provided a Notice of Allowance dated September 16, 2004.


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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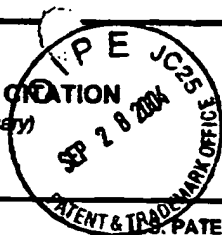
  
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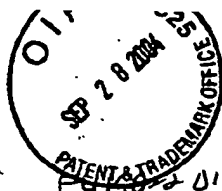
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Japanese Office Action dated May 18, 2004.
		English translation of portion of Japanese Office Action dated May 18, 2004.

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